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MINUTES

The delegates representing the churches of the Mulberry Baptist Association convened with New Salem church, Chilton county, Ala., September 21, 1889, in its sixty-second annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. E. Burns, from 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The sermon was instructive and encouraging and was listened to by a large and attentive congregation. We believe it will ac-

complish much good.

A recess was then given and we partook of refreshments, which had been prepared and bountifully supplied by the good people.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates assembled in the church house and engaged in singing. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. Langston, the former Moderator, who called the house to order and proceeded to business, as follows:

Appointed J. C. Hicks and Z. J. Jones to read the letters." Called the names of the churches, read the letters and enrolled

the names of delegates, as follows:.

Rehoboth—⁹J. T. Collins, ⁹L. J. Moore, ¹⁹Enoch Latham, M. F. Lawley, M. V. Lawley, ⁹G. M. Woolley, Antioch—J. M. Langston, ⁹A. J. Woolley, ⁹T. J. Fitta, ⁹Rolley Smitherman, ⁹S. H. Logan, J. C. Hicks, ¹D. B. Smitherman, J. D. Langston, ⁹M. C.

Mineral Springs-I. N. Martin, J. A. Rodgers, W. H. Conway, W. P.

7. L. Wangop.
Providence—R. M. Honeycutt, J. J. Lowery, *J.-J. Lightsey, *J. C. Arnold,
B. M. Gentry, *W. A. Sima.
Center Hill—"John Martin, *J. P. Niz, *J. B. Webb.
Mars Hill—"G. W. Gothard, *E. G. Coffer, *D. W. Coe, *G. W. Smith, *D.

W. Soott Pleasant Grove—John Gothard, *J. M. Gothard, Z. J. Jones, *T. M. Driver, *W. R. Dawson, *Martin Franklin.

New Salem—E. M. Bean, J. W. Maddox, J. Bice, W. C. Ogletree, *A. B.

Hill

(Absentees marked thus *).

On motion, the former Moderator and Clerk were re-elected by acclamation.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats.

Invitation for churches to unite with us was Igiven, when Collins Chapel church, through her delegates, presented a letter of dismissal from the Unity Association with a petitionary letter to

this Association, which was received and the names of the delegates enrolled, as follows: W. D. Martin, W. A. Mims, J. T. Collins.

Called for and received correspondence as follows:

Shelby Association-G. W. Sorrell.

Unity Association—H. C. Young, John Connell, James Rasberry, W. M. Wood.

On motion, this Association authorizes and appoints its members to represent this body when visiting other Associations

The Devotional Committee was then appointed, viz: M. F. Lawley, D. B. Smitherman, A. Glasscock, with the deacons of New Salem church.

Committee on Documents—H. T. Caffey, Z. J. Jones, J. C. Arnold. On Finance—J. C. Hicks, B. M. Gentry, M. V. Lawley.

The following standing committees were appointed:

Home Religion—W. A. Wood, W. G. Riggins, J. D. Langston, temperance and Prohibition—J. W. Maddox, Z. W. Langston, W. A. Mima.

Mink.
State and Home Missions—R. M. Honeyoutt, E. M. Bean, Wiley Foshee.
Forsign Missions—A. E. Burns, J. M. Gothard, J. E. Champion.
Periodicals—Jonathan Birc, L. J. Hand, D. Z. Merchant.
Sabbath Schools—A. Glascock, J. D. Langston, Z. J. Jones.
Indigent Ministers—M. D. Langston, A. L. Foshee.

On motion, the Moderator appointed A. L. Foshee, Z. J. Jones, J. C. Arnold, a committee on time and place of holding the next session of this body; also to appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.

Called for report of committee on Home Religion, which was read, and, after discussion, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME RELIGION.

Our Master has said that we are the light of the world; the salt of the earth, etc., and we believe that nowhere does the light of religion shine more effectively than in the family circle. When the said our public worship will be of no avail. The influence of religion at home will manifest itself for good from childhood down to of religion at home will not destroy its power. And the least duties performed the said in the family, even the giving of a cup of cold water, will not of the control of

Brethren, if we will carry religion to our tables, into our business, into our family conversation, we will be better prepared to pray publicly, to teach in the Sunday-school, and to point others to the Lamb of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. J. Jones, Ch'n.

The Devotional Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Prayer meeting to-morrow at 10 o'clock, conducted by W. M. Wood;

preaching at 11 a. m. by Elds. J. M. Langston and W. G. Riggins; and at 2 r. m. by Elds. R. M. Honeycutt and J. J. Lowery.

M. F. LAWLEY, Ch'n.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday, September 23.

SUNDAY.

Prayer meeting conducted by J. D. Langston. Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. M. Langston, from 1st Corinthians 5:19, 20: ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.". The sermon was delivered in an earnest manner to a very large and attentive congregation.

W. G. Riggins followed with a lively exhortation, after which a public collection was taken in behalf of New Salem church, to aid them in finishing their house of worship. Amount in cash

secured, \$26.50.

Adjourned for dinner.

At 2 o'clock R. M. Honeycutt addressed the Association from Phil, 3:14: "I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," followed by J. J. Lowery.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

After singing, The Association met pursuant to adjournment. prayer was offered by the Moderator. Proceeded to business as

Called the roll and marked absentees. On account of successive rains a goodly number of the delegates were absent.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered not to mark any absent who

might come in during the day.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following report, which, after discussion, was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance understand that to be temperate is to be pradent in all things. Intemperance in eating, drinking and labor has proved to be in jurished man. Therefore we would urge upon the mambers of this contains to be temperate in all things, for in so doing we preserve heat, eletain from rash acts and hard feelings. But the greatest evil in that of strong drink. It has dethroned men of reason, and, being led on by intraleted passions, have committed the blackest crimes known to man. Therefore we feel it to be the duty of all Christians to use their influence against the use of intoxicating drinks.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Prohibition offered their report, which was received.

Your Committee on Prohibition report as follows:

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Prohibition means the act of forbidding. Hence it is the duty of all of God's people to forbid all things that tend, they for to the injury of others: for we are taught by the apostle to "abstain for the appearance of evil."

There are a great many things we are surrounded with the tend to evil, which we, as Christians, neight prohibit if we would like the in time, depending on God for help. It is the mind of your committee that was the light of the world, are greatly in fault in regard to prohibition. We often see the evil, but fail to forbid it.

Brethren of the Mulberry Association, we appeal to you and we trust you will hear sad help us. If we be the light of the world and the sait of the earth, is it not a fact that we are the means, in God's bands, of rebuking the evil and wrong? It is true God has forbidden the wrongs in bis Word, the requires us to live according to his Word, in the presence of his

the evil and wrong? It is true tood has forbidden the wrongs in his Word, but then he requires us to live according to his Word, in the presence of his creatures, that they may see our good works and glorily his name.

Now, brethren, the worst of all the evils we are cursed with is that of alrong drink. Hence it should be forbidden by all of God's children. Do we trust alone to the law to prohibit this wrong? If so, we have but little ground for hope that it will be successfully done. The law-makers cometimes law moans hatter than they do souls and make his faunced it would be the contract of the law-makers comeground for noise that it will be successfully dolle. The law-analysis times love money better than they do souls, and may be influenced thereby; so if we trust to the laws alone we may be disappointed. But we, as Christians, should demand of the law-makersa problicition of the making, transporting or selling of ztrong drink. But we are sure that this will not be successfully done, unless we, as Christians, everywhere, give our support to this work.

Dear brethren, I believe that prohibition of strong drink in this part of the State is on rising ground, and we are proud that we are permitted to say this.

Now, brethren, in conclusion, we believe it to be our duty to continually demand of our legislators to prohibit this evil, and that it is our duty as Christians to prohibit it by refusing to partake of it as a beverage. We all have an influence. Let us wield it, then, against this evil and in aid of reform; let us rebuke all wrongs. Let us pray continually and we may then expect success.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Ch'n.

The report of the Committee on Indigent Ministers was called

No report from the first district.

Second District—A. L. Foshee reports that Bro. A. B. Hill was the only one in the district who needed pecuniary aid, and that he had called on the churches for help for him, and had succeeded in getting a contribution.

The report was received.

The Committee on Periodicals offered their report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals and Religious Literature beg leave to sub-

mit the following report:

The influence of literature upon the character of a nation, community, family or individual cannot be over estimated. "Show me the company you keep and I will tell you what you are," is an adage true as trite. If it were, "Show me what you read, and I will show you what you are," it would.

were, Silvy man, which is equally true.

The Bible is the fountain of pure literature, the well-spring of truth itself. Drink deep, drink long, drink often from this spring of the water of life, if you would grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth.

Means of knowledge of the true meaning and interpretation of God's Word are unperabundant now. The American Baptist Society at Philadelphia, Pa., like a huge engine, is sending out floods of light through teannels of ur public mail service. The graded series of Sunday School channels of ur public mail service. The graded series of Sunday School helps son out by said Society have surely attained well night to perfection. Research of the service of the s

Kind. Words and Kind Words Quarterlies, published by our own Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., are equally as good.

Parsubs and guardians are surely responsible to God and the church for the formation and cultivation of a correct literary taste in their children. O parents, you start and tremble, to see your children in bad company. Much more should you shudder to see them reading light, trashy, pernicious diet of the part of the

AMENDMENT.

We also commend to the candid consideration and preyerful reading of all Baptists "Our Home Field," published by the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va. Brethren, do you want to know what the denomination is doing to give the Gospel to all nations? Subscribe for and read these pages. Beaucifully read these papers. Respectfully,

A. E. BURNS.

On motion, the reports of the committees on State, Home and Foreign Missions were all read in order, discussed together, and adopted, with the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That every church in the Mulberry Association be earnestly requested to take at least one collection for missions during the next associa-

in the country.

2. Resolved, That the pastors of our churches be requested to preach on the subject prior to taking the collection.
3. Resolved, That said collection be taken at a time when there is money

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We believe that State Missions is a good work, and that many poor lost souls have thereby been brought into the fold of Christ. The work of the State Board in aiding weak churches should receive our The work of the State Board in aiding weak churches should receive our hearty support, to say nothing of other grand features of the work. Our State is being filled with people from the different nations of the earth, and our adversary will take advantage of us on every hand, od doubtless is trying to bring among us infidelity, spiritualism and other glaring evils of our day. Brethren, we claim to be governed atone by the word of God. Let us, therefore, help our brethren to give to Alabama the writh as it is in Jesus, and if our Board makes mistakes, let us cast over them a mantle of charity. This work requires men and money. Let us, therefore, be ready to aid this work, that poor, lost souls may be rescued and the name of Jesus storlight.

We would particularly urge the pastors of our Association (those who have not already done so) to keep themselves informed concerning the work for the Board, and also keep their churches informed, that we may give of

our means intelligently. our means intelligency.

The following incomplete summary of the work done by the Board for
the year ending June 30th, will give us an idea of its importance:

Days of service	
Miles traveled	4.957
Common delines	26,302
Sermons delivered	2,746
Addresses made	000
Number of persons haptized	14
Number of persons baptized Baptized by others in connection with this work.	211
Received by letter	814
Restored	413
Restored. Sunday Schools organized. Ladies' Missionary Societies organized Prayer meetings organized	87
Ladion Missions or desired	- 47
Daniel Missionery Societies organized	9
Prayer meetings organized	78
Prayer meetings held. Number of visits to preaching stations	917
Number of visits to preaching stations	01/
churches visited	196
Testaments done ted	181
Meeting houses commenced	205
to the desired	- 20
Money collected for mostly	5
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Respectfully submitted	,010 00

Z. J. Jones, Ch'n. REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is going forward. Its motto seems to be, "Our Southland for Jesus," and its design evidently is to plant the banner of the Cross on every hill-top in the Southevidently is to plant the banner of the Cross on every hill-top in the South-land. Yea, more. It is reaching out to continuous fields. Having been led by Frovidence to look upon the very Queen of the Antilles, and becoming enamored of her beauty and pitying her priestridden people, our Board determined to make an effort to priestriden people, our shackles of popery from their necks, and so signal some them smiles and so marked the blessings of God upon its efforts that it here the smiles and with an enthusissm born of success, and it is making the lise of the sea cho and the waves clap their glad hands and re-echo the zeal-inspiring about Cube for Christil.

No death has occurred during the past year among the large number of its missonaries, who have been reinforced by forty-five consecrated preachers during the year, making the total number now employed \$25. Of these there have labored among

Native white people. Colored population. Foreign population. In Cuba.....

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Burns, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The marching order of the Great Head of the Church, "Go ye into all the world," etc., is being obeyed to a limited extent only by our churches through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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This Board has missions in Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Maxico and Japan.

The last named is a new field, the mission having been established the present year. Most of these have several sations and cover year areas of territory. Very encouraging reports come up from all these fields, showing that God is graciously prospering His work in our hands. The same whitewinged messenger gives us the comforting assurance of prosperity, brings the most touching appeals for more help. More missionaries is the cry from everywhere. So urgent have been these calls that our Board has telt constrained to increase its working force about 40 per cent. during the past and for the current year. Two of these new missionaries are Alabamians: Bro, J. W. McCollum, of Marion Junction, who goes to Japan, and Miss Thoraton, of Tuscaloosa, to China. Alabama now has five representatives in foreign fields

This increase in the number of missionaries calls for a corresponding increase in contributions for their support. Brethren, in the name of Him who issued the order, Go ye, etc., we sak you, will you obey He who commanded you to go, also commanded you to give, and or to the encouragement, he adds, "and it shall be given you good measure out you pressed down and running over, shall men give into your boson;" and the missionary call adds, "the Lord loveth a cheerful given," hi, brethren, we all rejoice to receive gifts; should we not rather giver in your good it is more blessed to give than to receive? What reward shall we receive who give for Christ's sake and the Gospel? Let Jesus'answer. A hundred fold in this present world, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. HAND, J. R. HILL.

The Sunday School report was read as follows: REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee feel that an extended report upon this subject would be superflown. The utility of the Sunday School is universally admitted. We do sincerely regret that there are upon the control of the substance of the control of the sustained in every church in our sisterhood. You we green Sunday Schools sustained in every church in our sisterhood. You we green Sunday Schools what they can gather from the representatives of the control of the sunday substance of the sunday substance of the sunday substance of the sunday substance of a leader in the work—some one to go ahead and organize and sustain. Brethren, what a broad field of usefulness here! We need Sunday School workers in every church, just as we need substance of the substance of the

Your committee beg that the churches send up full statistics in their reports to the Association next year, giving name and postoffice address of superintendent, number of officers and teachers, number of pupils enrolled, average attendance, helps used, and number of conversions. Pray for and expect your pupils to be converted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BURNS. Ch'n.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS:

Your Committee on Nominations would offer the following report: Time selected for the next meeting of this body: To begin on Thursday before the

fourth Sunday in September, 1890. To preach the introductory sermon, J. M. Langston; alternate, R. M. Honeyoutt.
Respectfully submitted,

Z. J. Jones, Ch'n. The Finance Committee made their report as follows, which was adopted:

	PORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
We your Committee	Total
, your committe	ee on Finance, report as follows:
For Home W	m the churches for Minutes, etc
	7 25
Total	\$35 00
	Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HICKS, Ch'n. A voluntary contribution was then made by the delegates present, to the amount of \$9.10, to increase the Minute fund so as to pay the balance on last year's minutes(\$3), and to have the minutes of the present session printed.

The Committee on Memorials offered the following report,

which was read and adopted:

REPORT ON MEMORIALS.

Wherea, The Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has removed from our association, by death, Elders James C. Hand and A. B. Hill; and, Whereas, Brethren Haud and Hill labored so long and faithfully for the Mulberry and other associations; and brotherly counsel have been such a great solace to many of our fathers and mothers; therefore, Resolved, That we cherish for these two faithful heralds of the cross the fondest memory.

Resolved, That though their familiar voices are heard no more in our churches and associations, and their welcome visits to our homes are ended, we will cheriah their memories during our lives.

Resolved, That while we are made and at their death, we are cheered with the thought that they have exchanged the transient pleasures of this life for the laurels of immortality.

Resolved, That a special page in the association record be kept sacred to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,
Z. J. Jones, Ch'n. their memory.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services. Ordered that he superintend the printing of as many minutes as the funds on hand will pay for, and that he distribute them pro rata to the churches according to the funds sent up for minutes.

On motion, Eld. A. E. Burns was appointed as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Eld. J. M. Langston, alternate.

On motion, omitted the reading of the minutes.

Resolved, That this association tender their hearty thanks to the memhereof vol. That this association between their dearly variaties to the members of New Salem church and surrounding community for their kind and generous entertainment during our stay with them. May the God of all grace bless and sanctify our meeting with them to their good and to his praise.

This meeting of the Mulberry Association was one of as much unity of feeling and sentiment as the writer ever witnessed, and we believe that the spirit of the Master was with us, and that the delegates went home determined to do more for the Master's cause than ever before.

The association, having finished all its business, adjourned to meet with Macedonia church, four miles east of Randolph, seven miles west of Jemison, in Chilton County, Ala., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1890.

J. M. LANGSTON, MODERATOR, Six Mile, Ala.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Clerk, Clear Creek, Ala.

The next meeting of the First District will be held with Macedonia church, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1890. Eld. J. M. Langston to preach the introductory sermon; S. D. Posey, alternate.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

Are we true followers of Christ unless we partake of the elements of the communion, and wash the brethren's feet? Opened by Augustus Gentry and H. L. Woolley.
 Does a church do its whole duty unless it carries on a Sunday-school? Opened by S. H. Logan and Z. J. Jones.
 What should a church do with one of her members who gets a divorce for any cause? Opened by Michael Floket and S. D. Fosey.

The next meeting of the Second District will be held with Mineral Springs church, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1890. The introductory sermon to be preached by R. M. Honeycutt; J. E. Champion, alternate.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. What is the purpose of church organisation? Opened by Wiley Foshes and J. A. Rodgers.
2. Is the so-called Hardshell Baptist entitled to the name of Primitive Baptist or not? Opened by W. A. Wood and Z. W. Langston.

8. What is the duty of a pastor 26 his church? Opened by W. A. Mims and E. M. Bean.

A. What is the duty of a church to its paster? Opened by J. C. Bice and A. L. Foshes.

5. How can we most successfully carry ont Solomon's injunction when he says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it?" Opened by James E. Champion and W. H. Conway.

TABLE OF ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH THEIR ADDRESS.

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STATISTICS OF MULBERRY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1889.

School Expense.	30 00
No. of Students.	8 82 88
Mo. of Officers.	3 122 1000
No. of Sabbath Schools.	*
Value of Church	1000
Repairs, Etc.	34 50
Other Ministers.	8 11
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